

REMARKS

Claims 1, 8, 12, 27 and 30 are pending in this application.

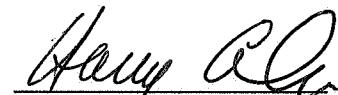
The Examiner allowed claims 1, 8 and 12, and indicated that claim 35 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter.

Independent claim 27 has been rewritten to incorporate the language of allowable claim 35. Accordingly, applicant submits that independent claim 27 and dependent claim 30 which depends from claim 27 are also patentable.

In the sole interest of advancing prosecution of the present application, applicant has cancelled all remaining claims (i.e., claims 2-7, 9-11, 13-26, 28-29 and 31-35). Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application with the cancelled claims.

Based upon the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its earlier allowance. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact him at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,


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